COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CUMBERLAND CELLULAR, INC. D/B/A)	
DUO COUNTY TELECOM'S PETITION FOR)	
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	CASE NO.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE)	2007-00518
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ORDER

On December 14, 2007, Cumberland Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Duo County Telecom ("DCT"), a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, filed with the Commission a petition under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") to receive federal universal service support for service offered throughout its service area in the state of Kentucky.¹

The petition states that: (1) DCT meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;² (2) DCT requests designation throughout each of the designated areas within its service coverage;³ (3) in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), DCT is entitled to be designated as an ETC in

¹ DCT requests ETC designation in the service territory of Windstream Kentucky East, specifically the Columbia exchange. <u>See</u> Petition at 1 and Exhibit B.

² <u>Id.</u> at 2 - 4.

³ Id. at 1 and Exhibit B.

non-rural wirecenters;⁴ and (4) designation of DCT as an ETC for the designated areas served in Kentucky will serve the public interest.⁵

The Commission seeks comment on DCT's petition from affected parties and the general public. The Commission will also set a procedural schedule for this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
- 2. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 7 copies to the Commission.
- b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.
- c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior responses if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, through correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

⁴ <u>Id.</u> at 2.

⁵ <u>Id.</u> at 3 - 4.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies.

4. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarizations of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of January, 2008.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2007-00518 DATED JANUARY 14, 2008

Comments on the application shall be filed no later than	February 15, 2008
Information requests to DCT should be filed no later than	February 25, 2008
Responses to information requests to DCT should be filed no later than	March 14, 2008
Requests for a public hearing in this matter should be filed no later than	March 28, 2008
If no requests for a public hearing are made, parties may file any additional comments on the application and information requests for the Commission to consider no later than	April 7, 2008